Application No. 09/824,741 Amendment dated October 6, 2004 Reply to Office Action of June 17, 2004

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action of June 17, 2004, and the

Advisory Action of September 17, 2004, on the above-identified application,

reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 18-25 remain in this application.

Claims 1-17 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 18-25 are free of the

prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the current amendments, the present application now stands in

condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of

the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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